

Term 2, Week 9, 22 June, 2023

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

★ This will be the final full newsletter this term as we finish at 2:55pm next Thursday.

 $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ It was wonderful to have a popular and successful Disco on Friday evening. Thank $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ you to our wonderful PTA and all of the parent helpers who worked hard to make this $\stackrel{\frown}{\star}$ happen. It was one of the largest (by number) and best-behaved discos that I can $\stackrel{\frown}{\star}$ ★ remember here at Riverview School.

We have a group of parents that is also working hard to raise funds for the **combined** $rac{C}{A}$ \mathbf{s} \mathbf{c} hools \mathbf{K} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} $\mathbf{$ ★ year, we need to raise funds for the practical costs of the event, as well as supporting ★ 🖈 our own two Kapa haka roopu that will perform at the festival. As of today, you can 🖈 buy raffle tickets at Reception (\$5 each) with a draw for two prizes, each being 2 cubic metres of good quality, dry firewood.

 \star With our **new fence** completed (almost), we are working on systems to use this to \star right maximise student safety. We may need to make some tweaks but, for now, this is what is planned:

- The gates are opened before 7:30am each morning, so access into the school is $\frac{2}{3}$ as easy as possible. Please remember that students are not meant to be here * before 8:00am.
- The bell goes at 8:55am and all children are expected to be in class by 9:00am. Just after 9:00am, some student monitors will close all the gates. Adults and 🚑 visitors can still enter the school at any time through the pedestrian gates by the * hall and the carpark barrier arms.
- ☆. If a family arrives at school after 9:00am, the child/ren will find the gates closed, so an adult will need to hop out of the car and open the child-proof pedestrian gate to let them in.
- At 2:45pm, student monitors will open all of the main gates for everyone to exit * ☆ • the school.
 - Vehicle gates will be locked most of the time. These are for ambulance or trade vehicles, and also allow us to protect our field and grounds from vehicle 🖟 damage.
 - The gate on the far side of the field that leads to a walkway to Kendall Road is \star being kept locked for a little longer as the newly-sown grass in that part of the $\stackrel{\star}{\sim}$ field is still getting established.

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Thank you all those that completed one or both of **the two recent Parent Surveys.** The **OSCAR** survey went out to parents that have children regularly using the programme and it was very helpful. We also appreciated the larger "**Health Education**" Survey being completed and, especially, the comments added at the end. In both surveys, the feedback was very positive, but the written comments are where we received some indepth thinking and feedback. Thank you.

★ One of the major developments in our 2023 Annual Plan was a new Hauora (Health and ★ Well-being) programme sponsored by Rotary. The programme includes three all-school ★ activity days; however, the first two have had to be postponed because of weather and ★ the fields being closed. Because we are not likely to get these three sessions completed ★ in this school year, we have decided to put the whole programme on hold, and start ★ again in 2024.

We will be carrying out a **low key lockdown practice early in Term 3.** Please be assured that all of our staff do this in a quiet and gentle manner and nothing is shared with the children that might cause anxiety. Unfortunately, I may not be able to stop children from building this up. We do this drill for two reasons:

- It is required that schools have such a plan and practise it.
- Lockdowns are needed for a variety of scenarios, including: a chemical spill, a bee swarm (this happened here about four years ago), a major accident in the area around the school, or a direction to the school from local police as they carry out duties in the surrounding community.

I know that some parents and families find this concerning. Please note that, for those young children with a likelihood of anxiety, we have individual plans to support them. In the end, I would rather have the school practise this procedure, despite the concerns, than go into a real-life emergency situation and have panicking children not knowing what to do and being left vulnerable.

Please remember that Term 2 finishes next Thursday afternoon (2:55pm). Term 3 starts on the morning of Monday 17 July.

🙀 Have a wonderful break, and keep safe.

For the Children

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Ken McLeay
Principal

Riverview School has a Facebook page to promote Riverview School events from the school, the PTA, and the Bazaar Committee. We are not seeking feedback and opinions,

rather sharing information about upcoming events.



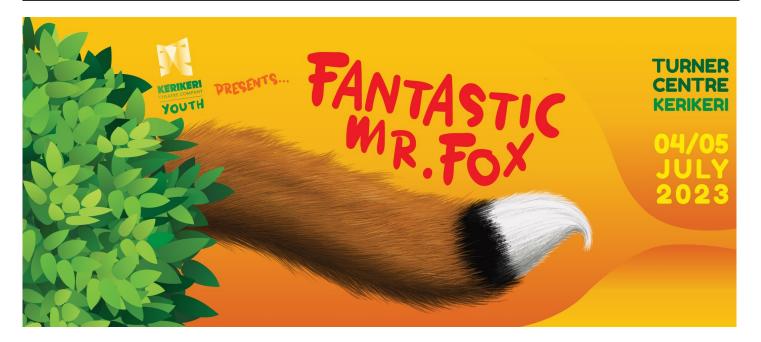
CHILDREN COLLECTED BY CAR

Children must wait at the roundabout at the end of the day, supervised by a teacher until 3.15pm. Should children not be picked up by 3.15pm, they then wait at the flagpole by the school office. Office staff will phone you to check on your arrival time.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Next Friday 30 June, we have a Staff Only Day here, with Moana Emett (PB4L Restorative Practices National Professional Leader). All staff will be involved in the training; basically, Restorative Practice focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community and offers school staff best-practice tools and techniques to maintain and restore relationships. By building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships within a school, staff to staff, staff to student and student to student, any issues are more easily managed.

To find out more, go to https://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-Restorative-Practice





Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

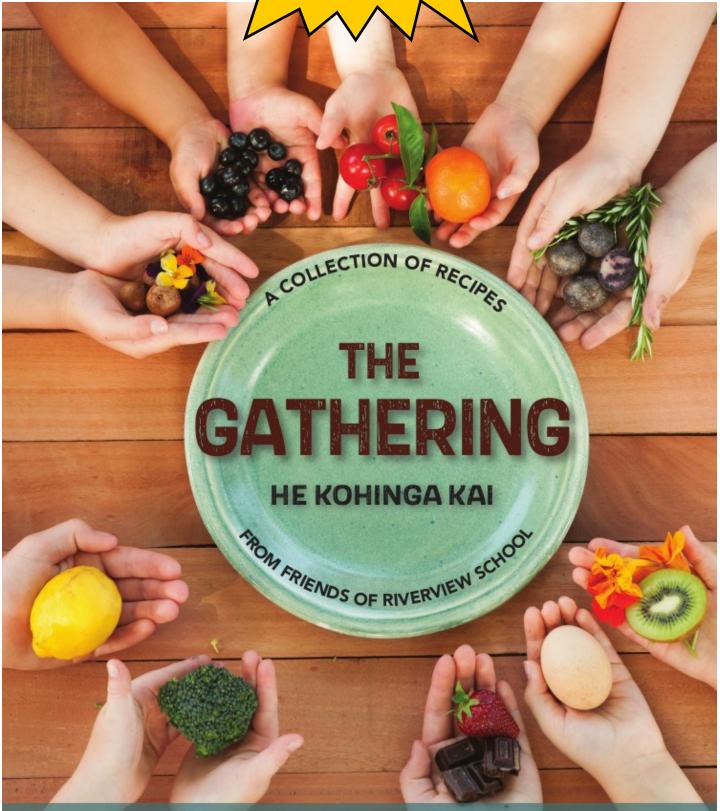


For children over 5 years, use a soft toothbrush with a pea sized drop of adult toothpaste

Need a dental appointment for your child? CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)



Riverview School recipe book \$15. Call into the school office to view or purchase via Kindo.



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Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable

Mid North

Term 3, 2023

All hubs are open from 9:30am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service.

The Te Manawa Tahi flag will be outside to show you that we are here.

Hub Locations Date Wed 26 July Northland College - Te Wae o Te Wheke 62 Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe **Thurs 3 August** Maromaku Playhouse (10:30 – 12:00) Maromaku School Road, Maromaku Motatau School (1:00 – 2:30) 18 Henare Road, Motatau Wed 16 August Te Tii (Waitangi) B3 Trust (9:30 - 11:00) 32 Te Kemara Avenue, Waitangi Northland College – Te Wae o Te Wheke (9:30 – 12:00) 62 Mangakahia Road, Kaikohe Wed 23 August **Kerikeri Sports Complex** Waipapa Road, Kerikeri Waima School (9:30 - 12:00) State Highway 12, Waima School Road, Waima Wed 30 August **Hundertwasser Library** 62 Gillies Street, Kawakawa

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.